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BRODY FALLS IN HANDS OF SLAVS

Advances Against the Central Powers Are Reported on Both Eastern and Western Fronts by Allied Troops

London, July 28.—The Russians have captured the city of Brody, according to a Russian dispatch received here tonight.

Petrograd, July 28.—The Russian advance in the region of the Stovetki and Beldurevka rivers continues successfully, the war office communique declared today. Gains were also reported in the Caucasus.

London, July 28.—British troops have driven the German Brandenburghers out of Delville wood, according to General Haig's report to the war office today.

LONGUEVAL NOW SCENE OF BATTLE

London, July 28.—The same desperate hand-to-hand fighting by which the British wrested Pozieres from the Germans was proceeding today in the outskirts of Longueval and beyond the Delville woods northeast of that town, as well as in the Fourreaux woods.

General Haig reported that in one of these clashes—at Delville woods—his troops had been successful.

The Berlin statement insisted the fighting was still in progress there, and that the British attempts had "broken down" before the German positions.

Haig claimed "further progress" around Longueval and Pozieres.

The British report had it that strong German counter-attacks, presumably directed at trenches newly won by Kitchener's men around these positions, had been beaten off with heavy loss to the Germans.

Elsewhere, he reported artillery combats—which the Berlin statement confirmed, with the additional information that north of the Somme it increased to "the highest strength." Both London and Berlin statements agreed on a German patrol engaging the British lines in the Neuve Chapelle district; the British admitted Germans temporarily occupied first line trenches at two points, but asserted they were ejected by counter-attacks.

Berlin made no claim of German troops occupying any ground, but spoke of booty in men and guns, and concluded with the declaration that the allies could not boast of any progress.

South of the Somme official statements from both sides indicated heavy artillery duels. The French statement revealed first success of the Russian troops sent to fight on the French battle front, in a reconnoitering expedition at Auberville.

Berlin and Paris reports agreed on fighting around Thlaumont, both claiming repulse of attacks.

Petrograd merely reported successful advance of Russian troops, both in the sector around Brody and in the Caucasus. The Berlin version admitted considerable ground gained by the czar's forces in the northeast of Svinluchy, but stated counter-attacks were progressing.

George Riddle and family left today for Medford to witness "The Birth of a Nation."

JUDGE BRANDEIS WILL BE MEMBER OF COMMISSION

Washington, July 28.—It was reported this afternoon that President Wilson had selected for the American members of the joint committee to investigate the whole subject of Mexican-American relations Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, General George W. Goethals and Judge Victor J. Dowling of New York.

The report could not be confirmed at the White House.

Brandeis was named, according to the report, because of his experience as an investigator. Goethals is considered an expert not only on the military phases to be handled but in constructive work of the kind the de facto government is understood to wish to undertake.

Judge Dowling is a Catholic. The report of these selections followed a cabinet meeting in which "favorable progress" was again reported by Acting Secretary of State Polk on his negotiations with Mexican Ambassador Arredondo.

TRAINMEN AGAIN CONFER WITH R.R.

Cleveland, July 28.—The four brotherhoods today notified the railroads' committee that they are prepared to resume conferences on an eight-hour day at ten-hour pay and time and a half for overtime on August 1 in New York. The brotherhood officials hope for a satisfactory settlement of the demands, previously refused by the railroads.

The brotherhoods' officials will go into the conference backed up with the power of the referendum vote of 360,000 railway employees to "act as they deem best" in case the deadlock can not be broken by argument.

A statement from the brotherhood headquarters today said:

"The vote does not necessarily mean a strike, because the ballot only authorizes the chief executives of the four brotherhoods to call a strike provided a satisfactory settlement can not be obtained from the railroads."

"The ballots were sealed in envelopes by the individual members and no one knows what the vote is until it is opened by the brotherhoods' committee in New York August 1. Any announcement before that time as to the result of the vote is only a guess."

MORE WINNERS IN LAND DRAWING

Spokane, July 28.—Interest in the land drawings for parcels in the Colville Indian reservation was unabated and when the picking of cards bearing the names of the lucky entrants began today's crowds thronged the American theater to cheer the winners.

Today's selections follow:

Judd B. Thompson, Colton, Wash.; B. Calvin; Isaac A. Simmons, Volmer, Idaho; Leonard Smith, Spokane; Sydney E. Cruze, Wickerham, Wash.; Margaret O'Brien, Cashmere, Wash.; William Haver, Mansfield, Wash.; Ida Holmes, Troy, Idaho; Ernest C. Niaseh, Winona, Idaho; Walter S. Small, Wenatchee, Wash.; Bernard King, Reardon, Wash.; Marion Curry, Hillyard, Wash.; George W. Spicer, Hartline, Wash.; Frank E. Perry, Maple Valley, Wash.; Wesley D. Waterman, Spokane; Wallace Clarke, Espanola, Wash.; Richard A. Kolser, New Plymouth, Idaho; Martin Walsh, Spirit Lake, Idaho; Arthur C. Little, Omak, Wash.; Simon J. Holden, Chelan, Wash.; Kaute Neff, Stanwood, Wash.; James Michaels, Cul de Sac, Idaho; Harry Ellis Heathman, Tekoa, Wash.; William Rose, Buckley, Wash.; Samuel J. Noland, Ritzville, Wash.

PUMPS AT THE GOLDEN DRIFT DAM DYNAMITED

Damage Will Amount to About \$2500 to the Property Through Loss of Big Pulley and Belt, and Farmers on the South Side of the River Will Be Without Water for Irrigation During Balance of the Season

Through the action of vandals who last night dynamited the big driving pulley that operated the pumps for the south side ditches at the Golden Drift dam, the farmers on the south side of the river, and in the Fruitdale district, will be without irrigation for the balance of the season.

The work of the local dynamiters occurred at about 12:30 o'clock last night, just after the water had been turned upon the turbines by Ike Davis, who was in charge. Night-watchman Cargill had left the pumping plant at about 11:30, and Mr. Davis came on just after midnight.

In the interval between the leaving of Mr. Cargill and the coming of Mr. Davis the vandals must have entered the power plant at the dam and have placed the dynamite or other explosive that was used in the great 48-inch pulley that drives the Fruitdale pumps. Mr. Davis was just starting up the machinery, and the turbine had not yet gained speed, when the explosion occurred. Davis was only eight or ten feet from the point of the explosion, but was luckily shielded from the flying metal and splintered timbers by a couple of 10-inch posts, otherwise he would no doubt have been killed. The force of the explosion broke the heavy pulley, six feet in diameter and of 48-inch face, into bits, and the 41-inch leather belt that connected it with the pump was torn and broken into pieces. This belt alone cost \$1,500, and to replace it and the pulley will take weeks of time. The pulley was worth about \$350, and other damage will run the property loss to about \$2,500.

An examination indicates that the charge of dynamite had been placed within the big pulley, the evident intention being to put the pumps for the south side ditches out of commission. By what method the dynamite was exploded is not known. Mr. Davis says that he saw no smoke from a burning fuse when he entered the pump room, and it may have been so set that it was exploded when the pulley commenced its revolutions. Powder smoke on the pulley shaft shows that the charge must have been

fastened at that point. Pieces of the broken pulley were hurled about the dam, and a score of chunks of the castings tore their way through the heavy fir plank, four inches thick, with which the dam is roofed. A number of these planks were torn into splinters. No damage was done to the turbines and pumps for the north side ditch, and the injury to the dam itself is not material.

At the present time no suspicion points toward individuals as the perpetrators of the outrage that must result in irreparable loss to the farmers on the south side. Since the troubles over the payment of wages between the Public Service corporation and the laborers upon the ditches and dam there have been numerous threats of personal violence against the officers of the company, and occasionally it is said the threat has been voiced that no water should go through the ditches till the men had been paid for their labor. At a meeting last night it was supposed that these matters had been adjusted for a time, the claimants, through their attorneys, having agreed to an arrangement whereby they were promised their pay at specific dates in the future. At a meeting of the water users, also held last night, Mr. Sanders agreed to put the pumps all in good order and to turn them over to the water users for operation during the present season. Plans for financing the operation of the plant were made at the same time, and the way seemed clear for the delivery of the water now so badly needed for sugar beet and other crops that are under the ditches. With the adjustment of the difficulties under way, the motive for the deed of last night becomes more of a mystery, and the officers advance no theories to point to a solution. A thorough investigation is to be made, however, and the guilty parties will be brought to justice if possible. It is only a miracle that prevented the loss of life, for the chances are against the man who goes through the hall of metal and fir splinters as did Mr. Davis and escapes with his life.

POLICE QUESTION SUSPECTS IN HUNT FOR FRISCO BOMB FIEND

San Francisco, July 28.—Thomas Mooney, street car strike agitator, and his wife, brought here from Sonoma county as suspects in connection with the recent suit case dynamiting, were examined by members of the police bomb squad today in an effort to ascertain whether they can throw any light upon the conspiracy which is alleged to have caused the outrage. After a preliminary examination, District Attorney Fickert announced that Mooney would be held, but that, for the present, no charge would be lodged against him.

Both Mooney and his wife declare their innocence and assert that they will have little difficulty in clearing themselves of suspicion. They arrived here at 1 a. m.

Detectives today again questioned Ed Nolan, a member of the machinists' union, regarding the presence in his home of various kinds of acids which were found when police made a search of the premises yesterday. These are being analyzed by the city chemist, whose preliminary report indicated that they are harmless.

Officers of the machinists' union predicted today that Nolan would be speedily released.

Miss Estelle Smith, who identified Warren Billings, the first suspect arrested, as a man she saw on Market street carrying a heavy suit case shortly before Saturday's explosion, was again confronted with the prisoner today in order to clear any doubts she might entertain as to his identity. When she first saw Billings she immediately pointed him out as the man she had seen and said she could not be mistaken, despite Billings' pleadings not to cast suspicion on him.

Meanwhile experts on explosives are examining an infernal machine found June 23 near San Bruno, south of here. The police believe the bomb was intended to blow up the transmission towers of the Sierra and San Francisco Power company, and that there may be some connection between that "job" and the outrage of Saturday. The bomb was in a suit case and carried a clockwork attachment.

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VILLA'S CAPTURE AGAIN IMMINENT SAY MEXICANS

Mexico City, July 28.—Pancho Villa is being driven into a trap. Ten thousand Carranzista troops are driving him and his capture is imminent, according to officials here. The announcement was made in reply to rumors from the United States border that the bandit chief is moving toward Torreón.

"Such a story is ridiculous," it was stated today by a high official. "Villa can not move south."

Reply to First Chief Carranza's note suggesting a joint commission for settlement of the border difficulties is expected hourly from the United States.

"Settlement of certain matters," according to the view of officials, is probably delaying it. In the meanwhile, Mexico City expects the American expeditionary force will be withdrawn, thus avoiding discussion on this point when the conferences between the Mexican and American commissioners begin.

SUB-SEA FREIGHTER IS SEEKING PILOT

Baltimore, July 28.—The Deutschland prepared today to take on a pilot from the Maryland Pilots' association, but that organization said Owen Coleman, who brought her up the river, was out of town and not immediately available for service. While Captain Zack Cullison of the tug Timmons wants Coleman, the rules of the association require that vessels take the "first man out"—the first man on the pilot list.

A 24-hour crew is aboard the Timmons, giving the impression that the stay of the Deutschland is not long, and that when she does head out she may plan a lay-over in the lower bay before trying to run the allied patrol.

G. O. P. STATEMENT MEXICAN POLICY

New York, July 28.—First formal indication that Mexico will be the main issue on which the republicans will attack the Wilson administration in the presidential campaign was contained in a statement issued today by National Chairman Willcox.

The statement denied the republican party's criticism of the handling of the Mexican problem was "dictated by any sinister influence," and bitterly assailed Wilson's "maladministration" of affairs there.

The Willcox statement follows:

"All statements made in newspapers or elsewhere to the effect that the attitude of the republican party towards the situation in Mexico is dictated by any sinister influence, corporate or otherwise, are contrary to the facts. Our interest in Mexican affairs is the result solely and exclusively of the maladministration of American relations with Mexico and the various Mexican factions. The weakness of the Wilson administration in dealing with the Mexican question is so fully before the American people that it is a vital issue in this campaign."

"It is therefore not possible for the democratic party to evade the responsibility for conditions in Mexico by ascribing ulterior motives. The issue is plain and clear cut. It is the principle of the republican party to insist upon the full protection of American citizens and American rights."

Chicago, July 28.—While the middle west sweltered under a blazing sun today, residents at Winnemucca, Nev., shivered in a temperature of 36. "The coolest spot in the country," said the weather bureau here.

BYSTANDER IS KILLED BY AEROPLANE

Student of Army Aviation Crashes Air Craft Into Line of Automobiles, Wrecking Four, and Causing Death

Ontario, Cal., July 28.—One child was killed and its mother, Mrs. C. A. Stoebe, was seriously injured when Lieutenant S. H. Wheeler, U. S. A., attempting to rise from the ground in a warplane near Mesa, crashed into a line of watching automobiles. Four automobiles were overturned and wrecked. The officer was uninjured.

Lieut. Wheeler landed here in a fog last night while en route to San Diego from Los Angeles in an army aeroplane. Three other planes started at the same time. Lieut. Wheeler became lost in a heavy fog. A large number of persons, many in automobiles, gathered at Mesa, north of this city, to witness the departure this morning. The army officer, having no mechanic, was forced to start his own plane. The area in which the start was planned was cramped by motorists.

At 9:30 o'clock Wheeler climbed aboard the warplane. For a considerable distance the craft sped down the field, gaining momentum. When the plane lifted from the ground, Wheeler, attempting to steer clear of a grove of trees, veered his machine toward the line of motorists. Support seemed to fail as the huge war bird swept upon the spectators. Several persons started to run as it became apparent the officer was having difficulties managing his machine.

Suddenly the craft, speeding at sixty miles an hour, seemed to lower in the air, struck the ground with a bound, and hurtled into the parked automobiles. Four machines were overturned.

Harold Stoebe, four years old, was instantly killed in the crash. His mother, standing between two cars which overturned, was horribly injured. She may not recover. The war plane was reduced to a mass of wreckage, despite the fact that the pilot escaped with hardly a scratch.

Lieut. Wheeler is one of the student officers studying army aviation at North Island, San Diego.

BRITISH PATROL SHIPS ARE SUNK

Berlin, via Sayville, July 28.—The Dutch newspaper Handelsblad reports a naval battle off the Scotch coast between several German submarines and the patrol boats Nellen, Nutton, Onward and Eve. The Nellen and Nutton sank. Three sailors were killed, the remaining sailors being rescued by a Dutch fishing boat of the Dogger bank and landed at a Scotch harbor. The other two patrol boats are supposed to have been lost with their crews.

Four German torpedo boats brought up two British trading ships off Landskrona, in international waters.

It is understood that three of those rescued from the Nellen and Nutton died later as a consequence of their wounds.

The above newspaper report of a naval battle was circulated by the official German news agency and by it transmitted in connection with daily wireless news to the United States via Sayville.